World Class Educators

Funds generated by the Academic Program Fee have allowed the College of Engineering, Computing and Applied Sciences (CECAS) to hire 30 additional instructional faculty, including tenured/tenure-track faculty, since 2018. Four of these faculty joined CECAS this year. This support has allowed us to increase faculty size and quality: more faculty translates to smaller classes and more offerings, and exemplary faculty provide our students with a better experience and a higher-quality education, helping to create more successful future alumni. Our efforts in this area also have a direct impact on our national reputation and rankings.

Student Success, Retention & Graduation

These funds also supported various initiatives across the college, including the following:

- **Opportunity Grants**: A resource for undergraduate students to customize their Clemson Experience and support individualized engaged learning. Students may use funding from these grants to support their career/professional advancement or further explore their interest in undergraduate research.

- **First-Year Experience and New Student Onboarding Programs**: An enhanced orientation experience that helps students successfully transition to the University. These programs focus on career development and mapping a personalized Clemson Journey.

- **Faculty Champions Program**: A resource that empowers CECAS faculty to develop sustainable programs and experiences to enable students to develop essential technical and professional skillsets and mindsets.

- **Strengths-Based Talent Development Program**: A partnership with Gallup that enables students to develop their own personal strengths to support individual and team growth, performance optimization, and leadership development.

- **The General Engineering Learning Community (GELC)**: A retention program that helps first-time freshman engineering students who need additional support in calculus.

- The steady increase in the number of professional staff advisors in the college since 2018 has resulted in a reduction in the student-to-advisor ratio, providing students with more personalized service as they seek guidance in their progress toward their degrees.
A state-of-the-art instructional environment is important to provide students with the experiences needed to make them more competitive upon graduation. In Fiscal Year 2023, funds were allocated to supplement existing undergraduate lab and classroom funding to make a larger impact.

Approved Programs and Fees:

Engineering Program Fee:
Full Time: $1,250 per semester
Part-Time: $105 per credit hour

Computer Science Program Fee:
Full Time: $500 per semester
Part-Time: $42 per credit hour

Total Actual Expenditures:
$10,935,007